

WI-475

1922

Lloyd U. Watson House

Salisbury

Private

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1. Name of Property

(indicate preferred name)

historic Lloyd U. Watson House

other

2. Location

street and number 917 Camden Avenue

not for publication

city, town Salisbury

vicinity

county Wicomico

3. Owner of Property

(give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Dashiell J. Shannahan, Jr. and Joyce C. Shannahan

street and number 917 Camden Camden Avenue

telephone

city, town Salisbury

state MD

zip code 21801

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Wicomico County Clerk of Court

tax map and parcel Map 115, P. 638

city, town Salisbury, Maryland

liber 1595

folio 492

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

Contributing Resource in National Register District

Contributing Resource in Local Historic District

Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register

Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register

Recorded by HABS/HAER

Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT

Other:

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count	
			Contributing	Noncontributing
district	public	agriculture		
x building(s)	x private	commerce/trade	2	buildings
structure	both	defense		sites
site		x domestic	1	structures
object		education		objects
		funerary	3	Total
		government		
		health care		
		industry		
		landscape		
		recreation/culture		
		religion		
		social		
		transportation		
		work in progress		
		unknown		
		vacant/not in use		
		other:		
			Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory	

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7. Description

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Condition

	excellent	deteriorated
x	good	ruins
	fair	altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Lloyd U. Watson house is located at 917 Camden Avenue in the southern residential district of Camden in Salisbury, Wicomico County, Maryland. The two-and-a-half story, five-bay Colonial Revival brick house faces west with the gable roof oriented on a north/south axis. The house is situated on a large lot bordered by a decorative fence.

Dated by a marble stone to 1922, the two-and-a-half story, five-bay, double-pile brick house is supported on a fully excavated cellar with a raised foundation. Flemish bond walls, featuring dark headers, rise to a steeply pitched asphalt shingle roof. Attached to the gable ends of the main block are single-story, hip roofed wings and to the rear is a two-story service wing. Standing north of the house is a contemporaneous single-story, hip roofed brick garage.

The west (main) elevation is an asymmetrical brick front with an off-center Colonial Revival entrance and flanking twelve-over-twelve sash windows flanked by louvered shutters. The front door is sheltered by a projected baffle entrance defined by a scroll pediment and urn finial, fluted pilasters, and a fully glazed door. South of the baffle entrance is a paired set of twelve-over-twelve sash windows, while a series of three twelve-over-twelve sash windows pierce the wall north of the entrance. Each window opening is framed by a rowlock brick border. The second floor is defined by nine-over-nine sash windows flanked by louvered shutters. The edge of the roof is trimmed with a boxed cornice and the roof is marked by a pair of shed roofed dormers fitted with fluted pilasters and nine-pane windows.

The north side of the main block is partially covered by a single-story hip roofed brick porte cochere that has been partially enclosed. The marble datestone inscribed with "1922" is located within the porte cochere. An interior/exterior brick stack rises against the gable end, which is extended slightly by a two-story bay. The south gable end features a single-story hip roofed wing defined by a banks of twelve-over-twelve sash windows. Above the hip roofed wing an interior/exterior brick stack pierces the extended eave. The attic is lighted by quarter round windows.

The east (rear) wall features a two-story brick service wing that is extended on its gable end by a hip roofed porch. An interior end brick stack pierces the roofline. Also extending from the main block is a two-story, seven-sided frame pavilion that once served as a conservatory. The first and second floors are defined by twelve-over-twelve sash windows, and exterior is clad in shingles.

Standing north of the house is a single-story brick garage covered by an asphalt shingle hip roof. The south side is pierced by large garage bays fitted with folding wood doors.

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8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
1600-1699	agriculture	economics	health/medicine	performing arts
1700-1799	archeology	education	industry	philosophy
1800-1899	x architecture	engineering	invention	politics/government
x1900-1999	art	entertainment/ recreation	landscape architecture	religion
2000-	commerce	ethnic heritage	law	science
	communications	exploration/ settlement	literature	social history
	community planning		maritime history	transportation
	conservation		military	other:

Significance dates **Architect**

Specific dates 1922 **Builder**

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance reports, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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¹ Wicomico County Land Record, JCK 123/125, 14 March 1921.

² 1907 Salisbury, Maryland City Directory, transcribed and printed by Family Tree Bookshop, p. 56.

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³ Wicomico County Land Record, JWS 241/59, 20 April 1942.

⁴ Wicomico County Land Records, JWS 252/547, 1 May 1943, and 948/851, 2 October 1980.

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HISTORIC CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Eastern Shore

Chronological/Developmental Period(s): Industrial/Urban Dominance 1870-1930

Historic Period Theme(s): Architecture

Resource Type: Standing Structure

Category: Dwelling

Historic Environment: Residential Neighborhood

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): Domestic

Known Design Source:

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of project area

Acreage surveyed

Quadrangle name

Salisbury, Maryland

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

11. Form Prepared by

name/title Paul B. Touart, Architectural Historian

organization Private Consultant

street & number P. O. Box 5

city or town Westover, Maryland 21871

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

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Crownsville, MD 21032
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Lloyd U. Watson House
917 Camden Avenue
Salisbury, Wicomico County, Maryland
Chain of title

Map 115 Parcel 638

1595/492 Dashiell J. Shannahan, Sr.
Joyce C. Shannahan

to

3/12/1998 Dashiell J. Shannahan

AJS 1038/381 Dashiell J. Shannahan

to

8/1/1984 Joyce Cecilia Shannahan

948/851 Elsie Holland Roberts

to

10/2/1980 Dashiell J. Shannahan, Sr.

JWS 252/547 John W. T. Webb

to

5/1/1943 Henry Brittingham Roberts
Elsie Holland Roberts

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JWS 252/545

Henry Brittingham Roberts

to

5/1/1943

John W. T. Webb

JWS 242/227

Lee A. Rademaker

to

8/12/1942

Henry W. Roberts

Henry Brittingham Roberts

John B. Roberts, partners trading as Roberts Associates

Item One: Lot No. 1 as per plat of land Lloyd U. Watson made
by Roy E. Moore, S.W.C., 4/15/1942, JWS 250/7 ...being in
all respects the same property conveyed unto Lee A.

Rademaker and Margaret E. Rademaker from Lloyd U.

Watson, 4/20/1942, JWS 241/59

Item Two: conveyed unto Lee A. Rademaker from James H.
English, Sr.

JWS 241/59

Lloyd U. Watson, widower

to

4/20/1942

Lee A. Rademaker

Margaret E. Rademaker

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Chain of title continued

IDT 172/240

James L. Benjamin

to

1/12/1932

Lloyd U. Watson

Floy T. Watson

First Item: being the same land that was conveyed to the said
Floy T. Watson by Daniel O. Hastings and Garra Sexton
Hastings, 3/14/1921, JCK 123/125

JCK 123/125

Daniel O. Hastings

Garra Saxton Hastings

to

3/14/1921

Floy T. Watson

38° 1' NW
(HEBRON)

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

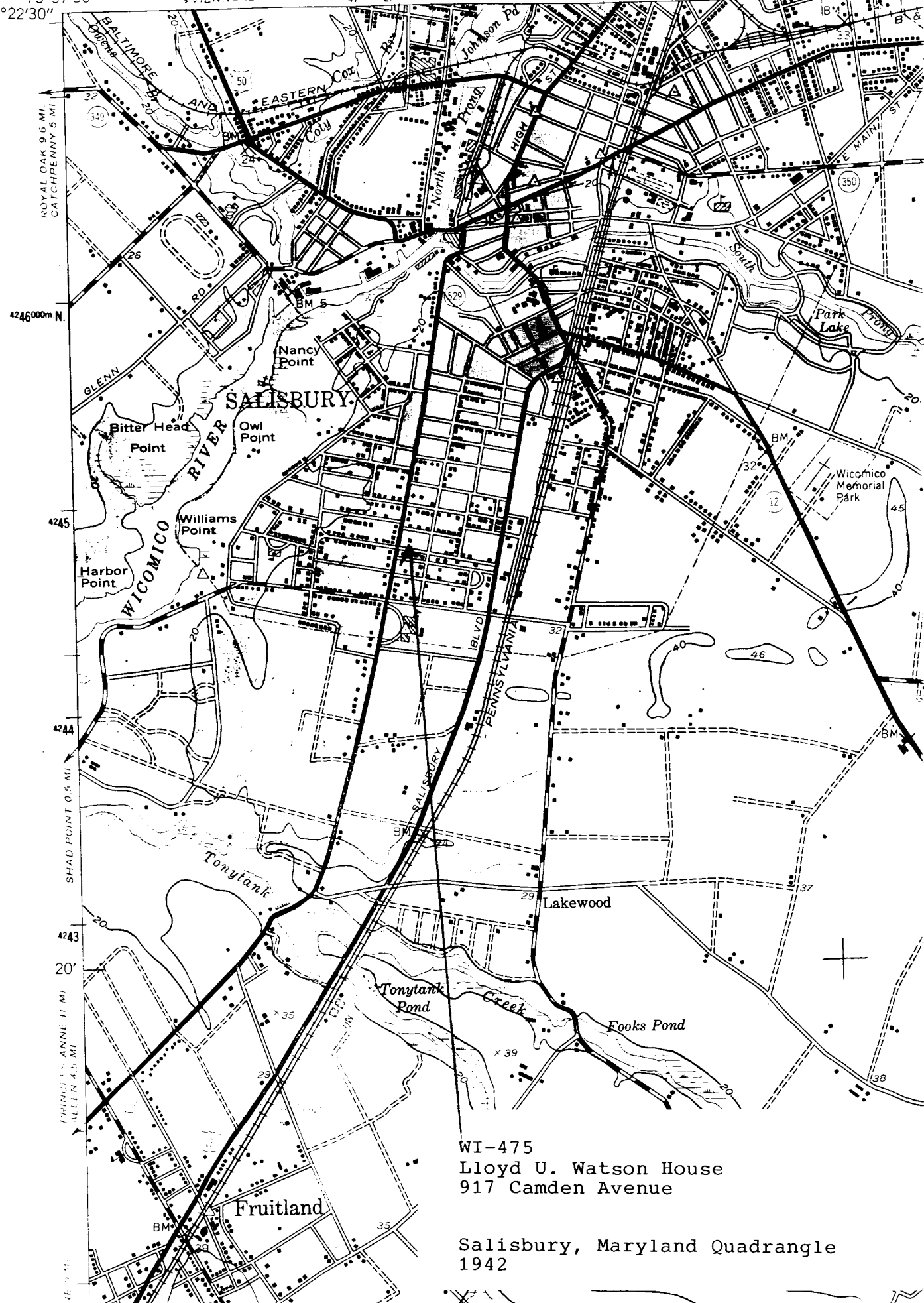
75°37'30"
38°22'30"

CAMBRIDGE 31 MI.
VIENNA 15 MI.

447000m E

LAUREL 13 MI
DELMAR 6 MI

35'



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Lloyd U. Watson House
917 Camden Avenue

Salisbury, Maryland Quadrangle
1942





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Lloyd H. Watson House

Sacramento, Minnesota County, 1913

EAST ELEVATION

5/20/1913, 1/2 day. Turner. Photographed by

W. L. and H. L. Turner. Trust

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